

# Castle Community Trust

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108042

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Company number** [629691](#)

**Registered** 2021-11-23

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** OBJECTS 4. The Charity's objects ("Objects") are to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of North Belfast (the "area of benefit") without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, or political, religious or other opinion by associating with voluntary and community organisations, statutory agencies and inhabitants in a common effort to:- (a) Advance community development by providing facilities and amenities for, and promoting co-operation and joint activities between, community, voluntary and sports organisations. (b) Provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupations with the object of improving the conditions of life for those living in the area of benefit. (c) Advance education and training for the public benefit by organising classes and other forms of tuition. (d) Promote peace building, conflict transformation and capacity building for the public benefit and build and maintain social cohesion and trust within and between communities by: (i) devising and delivering transformation and capacity building training programmes; (ii) raising awareness, mutual understanding and respect; (iii) promoting and supporting projects and initiatives that help to achieve these aims. (e) Promote and support social enterprise and other sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of citizenship or community development

**How the charity works:** Community development,Community enterprise,Cross-border/cross-community,Cultural,Economic development,Education/training,General charitable purposes,Grant making,Heritage/historical,Human rights/equality,Sport/recreation,Urban development,Volunteer development,Youth development

**Who the charity helps:** Adult training,Children (5-13 year olds),Community safety/crime prevention,Ex-offenders and prisoners,General public,Interface communities,Men,Mental health,Older people,Parents,Preschool (0-5 year olds),Tenants,Unemployed/low income,Victim support,Voluntary and community sector,Women,Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£272,270	£254,495	£-3,190	8

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Elsie Taggart		
Miss Emma Mccalister		
Miss Sharon Davidson		
Mr Freddie Hoy		
Mr Gavin Graham		
Mr James Clarke		
Mr James Laughlin		
Mr Martin Hamilton		
Ms Linda Kaunhoven		

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# Accounts

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**Castle Community Trust**  
**Company Limited by Guarantee**  
**Trustees Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC108042)**

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**Charity Reference and Administrative Details**

Registered charity name                      Castle Community Trust

Charity registration number                  NIC108042

Company registration number                NI629691

Principal office                                Castle Community Trust  
Yrcd Hall  
30 St Aubyn Street  
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The trustees

Mr M Hamilton  
Miss E McCalister  
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Ms L Kaunhoven  
Mr J Laughlin  
Mr F Hoy  
Mr J Clarke  
Ms E Taggart  
Mr G Graham

Independent examiner                        Simon Hopper F.C.A.  
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## CASTLE COMMUNITY TRUST

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#### TRUSTEES REPORT

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#### Structure, Governance and Management.

- . Castle Community Trust board meet once a month on the first Monday.
- . A Formal meeting is conducted following proper process
- . The Chairperson receives reports from the manager, the treasurer and any Correspondence
- . The manager gives the board his report then leaves meeting
- . Two support ongoing development, the officers attend internal meetings with the manager and the staff.
- . The manager holds monthly team meetings with the staff and directs operations based on the strategic plan and operation plan.
- . Each Board member completed a register of interests.

The Board has the overall lead on all policies but we have two specific leads from the Board. Jim Clark the Castle Community Trust Chairperson has taken on the role of lead safeguarding. He has completed his designated officer training and is the Board Child Protection Officer. All child protection concerns that are made with the Trust will go through the board's Child Protection Officer, Jim Clark, who has 30+ years' experience in childcare and is our safeguard designated officer on the board. Linda Kaunhoven is the treasurer with 40+ years' experience in finance and policy. Linda completed the task of updating our safeguarding policy and is responsible for organising the updates and review dates of the policy. Stacey Clifford is the safeguard designated officer in our affordable Childcare and is the assistant manager with 8 years' experience and has a Level 5 in Childcare management. Colleen Crothers is the childcare and operations manager and is the overall designated officer for the organisation. All the above are registered with the Belfast Trust. All board members, Staff and volunteers are Access NI vetted and the childcare staff are checked every year by Early Years BHSCT on annual inspection.

Castle Community Trust delivers transformational initiatives to alleviate:

- . Educational under achievement
- . Social isolation within the elderly and those who are house bound
- . Poverty and deprivation
- . Unemployment and lack of skills development
- . Housing and housing rights
- . Youth intervention
- . Support for veterans
- . Public use of our centre
- . Festivals and specific events

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- . Support for our 15 sub-groups
- . Childcare
- . Parent and toddlers and family support
- . Rights and welfare rights advise
- . Capacity building for individuals and groups
- . Engage with all agencies that can benefit our community

The charity continues to support the residents of North Belfast and provide positive opportunities for them. The organisation continues to consult with the community to identify needs and possible programmes and projects to alleviate them. We stay focused on continuous relationship building with residents and all agencies to best support all our targeted beneficiaries. The organisation continues to grow and will strive for sustainability through economic development through our social enterprises.

#### **Mariners After-School Childcare**

Currently, our social enterprise Mariners' affordable afterschool care is staffed by a loyal staff team consisting of a childcare manager, Deputy Manager, Supervisor and one additional staff member and volunteers and has 34 children on the register. Castle Community Trust are very keen to support Mariners ASC and understands that some hard times are ahead, and is very proud of the staff and all their hard worker through Covid-19 and how they have managed to keep Mariners a float and still making enough monies to support salaries, etc. Also, Mariners have now got a £20,000.00 contract with BHSCT Sponsored Day Care, and have contracts with Foresting/Kinship BHSCT Team.

#### **Cruthin Enterprises & New Tarven/Vet Hub Project:**

Within this year, Cruthin Enterprises was set up, which will be a separate company from Castle Community Trust. Cruthin will manage all business apart from Mariners. I have been working on the growth of the Tours business, the studio (Film Company) and OCNs. It is early days but the new board are happy and it will be better for Castle Community Trust. We have plans to move to new permissions in the summer of 2025 (Tarven Project). The new premises will house Cruthin Enterprises and a Veteran Hub to support local vets. CCT, Cruthin and Old Comrades group will be heading this project.

#### **The Re-Brand**

Castle Community Trust (formally the HUBB) is a centrally based third sector organisation delivering a range of community focused services within the local community throughout in lower North Belfast. It was formed in 2008 with the support of EU PEACE 111 funding to encourage partnership working, foster positive community relations and develop community capacity. The vision of Castle Community Trust is as follows: "A confident community where people aspire to and achieve physical, social and economic

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Regeneration". This will be achieved with the underlying values of social justice, equality, and inclusion – values which are the cornerstone values of community development.

**New Build**

Continuing to negotiate with Belfast City Council and Henderson's on the new build site. We plan to build an all-purpose community building on the old Grove Baths site in Lower North Belfast. A community audit has been completed and we have been working on a partnership with Belfast City Council, architects and DTNI for almost 3 years. The concept drawings and business plans have been submitted, and we hope to have the land signed over to Castle Community Trust. We aim to build within 3 to 5 years, as this building will let us expand our services and provide services to the community that are needed and

Build positive relationships and strategic partnerships locally with:

- . The Local community sector
- . Voluntary organisations
- . Youth organisations and providers
- . Veterans, cadet and serving services
- . Loyal orders
- . Local marching bands
- . Sports clubs
- . Faith based groups
- . Local churches
- . Local businesses small-medium-large
- . Statutory bodies
- . All communities in North Belfast
- . Local schools
- . All relevant Northern Ireland and Belfast development strategies

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#### Objectives and activities

The Charity's objectives ("Objects") are to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of North Belfast (the "area of benefit") without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, or political, religious or other opinion by associating with voluntary and community organisations, statutory agencies, the private sector and inhabitants in a common cause to:-

- a) Advance community development by providing facilities and amenities for, and promoting co-operation and joint activities between, community, voluntary and sports organisations.
- b) Provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupations with the object of improving the conditions of life for those living in the area of benefit.
- c) Advance education and training for the public benefit by organising classes and other forms of tuition.
- d) Promote peace building, conflict transformation and capacity building for the public benefit and build and maintain social cohesion and trust within and between communities by :
  1. Devising and delivering transformation and capacity building training programmes;
  2. Raising awareness, mutual understanding and respect:
  3. Promoting and supporting projects and initiatives that help to achieve these aims.
- e) Promote and support social enterprise and other sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration.

#### Achievement and Performance

##### Castle Community Trust General

Castle Community Trust, although situated in the middle area of lower North Belfast welcomes all residents and small distinct districts to avail of our services, projects and programmes we provide. The centre has an open door policy to all groups and organisations within the community sector and beyond. Our goals are plain and simple and these can be identified within our Strategic Plan; but basically our goal is to support the community as per the needs and identified issues and concerns from the people. We have numerous groups and sub-groups, too many to mention, but they include, local band, Old Comrades group, The British Legion and women's etc

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We also engage with and are members of various statutory and community initiatives including: BHSCGT: Early Years team, Sponsored Day Care, and Foster/Kinship Teams within the trust, Playboard, Early Years for Children and young people NI, NIHE, PSNI, Belfast City Council, Belfast Bonfire initiative, Veteran services, DFC and many more.

The Castle Community Trust supports a wide range of local community groups. We have offered support to 36 groups over the last 2 years. We have also supported 16 groups to set up. We offer a capacity building programme that covers governance best practice, roles and responsibility of the board and officers, and identifying resources and funding for community groups.

We also offer 15 OCN courses, such as Community Development, Human Rights and Justice, and Shared Culture and History. Castle Community Trust, through serving as an umbrella organisation, supports groups to come together. This enables us to organise effective networking opportunities, such as regular meetings around various issues affecting residents, such as housing and education, Poverty and deprivation, regeneration and education.

Castle Community Trust as an established organisation, serves as a representative for the North Belfast area to engage with the Department of Communities, Department of Justice, and Belfast City Council, to secure funding and resources to support a better quality of life for our residents. To deal with the long list we have developed a new operations team that can best tackle them. Overseen by the Operational Manager. This team is responsible for engaging and supporting the Community of North Belfast. This team includes the Community Development and Housing Officer, Community Engagement Capacity Building Officer, Admin and Finance officer, and the Family and Childcare Assistant Manager. This work is a direct result of Henry Smith's funding and is in its infancy.

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This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

**Independent Examiner**

Hopper & Co., have indicated their willingness to remain in office and a resolution for their re-election will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The trustee's annual report was approved on .....10<sup>th</sup> October 2025..... and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

  
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Mr J Clark  
Trustee

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CASTLE COMMUNITY TRUST  
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

I report on the financial statements of Castle Community Trust ('the charity') for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the '2008 Act') and the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act'). You are satisfied that the accounts of the company are not required by charity or company law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements as carried out under section 65 of the 2008 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the 2008 Act

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) Accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- (2) The financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- (3) The financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- (4) The financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).


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I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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S Hopper FCA  
Partner  
Hopper & Co  
Date 11 October 2025

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2		184,940	184,940	148,075
Charitable activities	3		87,330	87,330	140,031
Investment Income	4	-	-	-	-
		-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total Income</b>		-----	272,270	272,270	288,106
		-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	5		254,495	254,495	242,215
		-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		-----	254,495	254,495	242,215
		-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Net Income</b>		-----	17,775	17,775	45,891
		-----	-----	-----	-----
Funds brought forward		-----	114,004	114,004	68,113
		-----	-----	-----	-----
Funds carried forward	13	-	131,779	131,779	114,004
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All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	2024 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	10	1,503	768
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<u>1,503</u>	<u>768</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents		133,466	118,302
<b>Total current assets</b>		<u>133,466</u>	<u>118,302</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	11	3,190	5,066
<b>Total Creditors</b>		<u>3,190</u>	<u>5,066</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>130,276</u>	<u>113,236</u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<u><u>131,779</u></u>	<u><u>114,004</u></u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>			
Restricted funds	13	131,779	114,004
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<u><u>131,779</u></u>	<u><u>114,004</u></u>

For the year ending 31 March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on ...10<sup>th</sup> October 2025....and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr J Clark  
Trustee & Director  
Company Registration Number NI629691  
The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

## **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **General information**

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. as defined by FRS 102. The address of the principal office is Yrcd Hall, 30 St Aubyn Street, Belfast, BT15 3QF.

### **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the financial statements and applicable accounting standards, Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS I 02 Section 1A), the charity's governing document, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2013 , The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity rounded to the nearest £1.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. The trustees consider that these policies are suitable, have been consistently applied and are supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates.

### **FUND ACCOUNTING**

The charity has various types of funds for which it is responsible, and which require separate disclosure. A definition of the various types of funds is as follows:

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific charitable activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

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Unrestricted funds are funds which are expendable at the discretion of the Charity in furtherance of its objectives. In addition to expenditure on activities such funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital.

Designated funds are general funds set aside by the trustees for use in the future.

**INCOMING RESOURCES**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably, and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained, then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity, and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Voluntary income received by way of donations and gift is credited to revenue on a receivable basis.

The charity receives grants in respect of support services. Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

If entitlement is not met, then these amounts are deferred. Revenue grants are credited to incoming resources on the earlier date of when they are received or when they are receivable unless they relate to a specified future period.

Other income represents income that cannot be reported under the other analysis headings provided within the SoFA.

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**EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Expenditure on charitable activities comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries and includes salary costs, support service expenses, and an apportionment of support costs;
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

**(i) Liability recognition**

Liabilities are recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

**(ii) Governance costs**

These are shown within charitable activities and include the costs of preparation and examination of accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

**(iii) Grants with performance conditions**

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

**(iv) Grants payable without performance conditions**

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

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**(v) Support costs**

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs and administrative payroll costs.

They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises overheads have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources. Staff costs and other overheads have been allocated based on time spent, per capita and activity.

**Employee benefits**

When employees have rendered service to the charity, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

**Value Added Tax**

The charity is not registered for VAT purposes, therefore expenditure is shown gross of VAT.

**(i) Tangible Fixed Assets**

The cost of tangible fixed assets is their purchase cost, together with any incidental costs of acquisition. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual values, on a straight-line basis over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned. The principal annual rates used are as follows:

Fixtures and Equipment	15% Reducing balance
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In accordance with FRS102, assets under construction are not depreciated until such times as they are available for use.

Where the recoverable amount of a fixed asset is found to be below its net book value, the asset is written down to the recoverable figure and the loss on impairment is recognised in the SoFA.

**(ii) Investments**

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

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**Leases**

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

**Tax**

The charity benefits from various exemptions afforded by tax legislation. It is therefore not liable to corporation tax on income or gains falling due within those exemptions. Recovery is made of tax deducted from receipts under gift aid.

**Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

**Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The following judgements including those involving estimates have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies that have had the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements and that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year:

- depreciation method and asset useful lives

The estimates and assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis considering the current and future market conditions.

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**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Grants</b>				
Grants Receivable		178,660	178,660	146,725
<b>Donations</b>		6,280	6,280	1,350
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	-	184,940	184,940	148,075
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**3. Charitable activities**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
	£	£	£	£
Programme Income/training		3,397	3,397	17,008
Childcare Fees		70,117	70,117	53,394
Income from Contractors		13,766	13,766	68,155
Facilitation income		50	50	1,474
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	-	87,330	87,330	140,031
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**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
	£	£	£	£
Bank Interest Receivable	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-
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**5. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY ACTIIVITY TYPE**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
	£	£	£	£
Main Activity	-	242,829	242,829	230,911
Governance costs	-	11,666	11,666	11,304
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	-	254,495	254,495	242,215
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**6. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Wages & Salaries	-	198,378	198,378	117,750
Rent	-	-	-	1,450
Insurance	-	1,350	1,350	1,921
Programme costs	-	16,410	16,410	8,888
Subcontractors costs	-	12,177	12,177	57,336
Project Expenses	-	14,514	14,514	43,566
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	-	242,829	242,829	230,911
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**7. INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION FEES**

	Total 2024	Total 2024
	£	£
Fees payable to independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	960	960
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**8. STAFF COSTS**

The average head count of employee during the year was 8 (2024: 7)

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil)

**9. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

The Trustees received no remuneration from the charity during the current or preceding financial years.

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**10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<b>Equipment</b>	
<b>Cost</b>		<b>£</b>
At beginning of the year		979
Additions		1,001
Disposals		-
At end of the year		<u>1,980</u>
 <b>Depreciation</b>		
At beginning of the year		211
Depreciation		266
Disposals		-
At end of the year		<u>477</u>
 Net book value at beginning of the year		<u>768</u>
Net book value at end of the year		<u>1,503</u>

**11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
Accruals & Deferred income	£ 3,190	£ 5,066
	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>

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**12. Pensions and other post retirement benefits**

Defined contribution Plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £3,792 (2024: £2,114).

**13. FUND BALANCES**

<b>Funds 2025</b>	<b>Balance at start</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditu re</b>	<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Balance at end</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Restricted funds</b>	114,004	272,270	(254,495)	17,775	-	131,779
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
 <b>Funds 2024</b>	 <b>Balance at start</b>	 <b>Income</b>	 <b>Expenditu re</b>	 <b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	 <b>Transfer</b>	 <b>Balance at end</b>
	£	£	£	£		£
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	68,113	288,106	(242,215)	(45,891)	-	114,004
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**Castle Community Trust**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108042

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**Company Limited by Guarantee**  
**Trustees Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC108042)**

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**Charity Reference and Administrative Details**

Registered charity name                      Castle Community Trust

Charity registration number                  NIC108042

Company registration number                NI629691

Principal office                                  Castle Community Trust  
Yrcd Hall  
30 St Aubyn Street  
Belfast  
BT15 3QF

The trustees

Miss K L Donaghy (Resigned 3 June 2024)  
Mr M Hamilton  
Miss E Mccalister  
Miss S Davidson  
Ms L Kaunhoven  
Mr J Laughlin  
Mr F Hoy  
Mr J Clarke  
Ms E Taggart  
Mr G Graham

Independent examiner

Simon Hopper F.C.A.  
Hopper & Co  
6 Doagh Road  
Ballyclare  
BT39 9BG

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**Structure, Governance and Management.**

- . Castle Community Trust board meet once a month on the first Monday.
- . A Formal meeting is conducted following proper process
- . The Chairperson receives reports from the manager, the treasurer and any Correspondence
- . The manager gives the board his report then leaves meeting
- . Two support ongoing development the officers attend internal meetings with The manager and the staff.
- . The manager holds monthly team meetings with the staff and directs operations Based on the strategic plane and operation plan.

The Board has the overall lead on all policies but we have two specific leads from the board. Jim Clark the Castle Community Trust Chairperson has taken on the role of lead safeguarding he has completed his designated officer training and is the Board Child Protection Officer. All child protection concerns that are made with the Trust will go through the board Child Protection Officer Jim Clark has 30 years' experience in childcare and is our safeguard designated officer on the board. Linda Kaunhoven is the treasurer with 40 years' experience in finance and policy. Linda completed the task of up-dating our safeguarding policy and is responsible for organising the up-dates and review dates of the policy. Stacey Clifford is the safeguard designated officer in our affordable Childcare and is the assistant manager with 7 years' experience and has a Level 5 in Childcare management. Colleen Crothers is the childcare and operations manager and is the overall designated officer for the organisation. All above are registered with the Belfast Trust. All board members, Staff and volunteers are Access NI vetted and the childcare staff are checked every year by Early Years BHSC on annual inspection.

Castle Community Trust delivers transformational initiatives to alleviate:

- . Educational under achievement
- . Social isolation within the elderly and those who are house bound
- . Poverty and deprivation
- . Unemployment and lack of skills development
- . Housing and housing rights
- . Youth intervention
- . Support for veterans
- . Public use of our centre
- . Festivals and specific events

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- . Support for our 15 sub-groups
- . Childcare
- . Parent and toddlers and family support
- . Rights and welfare rights advise
- . Capacity building for individuals and groups
- . Engage with all agencies that can benefit our community

The charity continues to support the residents of north Belfast and provide positive opportunities for them. The organisation continues to consult with the community to identify needs and possible programmes and projects to alleviate them. We stay focused on continuous relationship building with residents and all agencies to best support all our targeted beneficiaries. The organisation continues to grow and will strive for sustainability through economic development through our social enterprises.

**Mariners After-School Childcare**

Currently our social enterprise Mariners affordable afterschool care is staffed by a loyal staff team consisting of a childcare manager and Deputy Manager, Supervisor and one additional staff and volunteers and has 24 children on the register. Castle community trust are very keen to support Mariners ASC and understand that some hard times are ahead and are very proud of the staff and all their hard worker through Covid-19 and how they have managed to keep Mariners a float and still making enough monies to support salaries etc.

**The Re-Brand**

Castle Community Trust (formally the HUBB) is a centrally based third sector organisation delivering a range of community focused services within the local community throughout in lower North Belfast. It was formed in 2008 with the support of EU PEACE 111 funding to encourage partnership working, foster positive community relations and develop community capacity. The vision of Castle Community Trust is as follows: “A confident community where people aspire to and achieve physical, social and economic regeneration”. This will be achieved with the underlying values of social justice, equality, and inclusion – values which are the cornerstone values of community development.

The rebrand is based on the growth and development of the HUBB. The name Castle Community Trust relates to Belfast City Council Castle ward in which the HUBB and surrounding community is situated in. Central to our strategic development is to build new and vibrant relationships with the public, private and

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community sectors. We believe this will support our strategic plan, our objectives and therefore support the community of lower North Belfast.

Build positive relationships and strategic partnerships locally with:

- . The Local community sector
- . Voluntary organisations
- . Youth organisations and providers
- . Veterans, cadet and serving services
- . Loyal orders
- . Local marching bands
- . Sports clubs
- . Faith based groups
- . Local churches
- . Local businesses small-medium-large
- . Statutory bodies
- . All communities in North Belfast
- . Local schools
- . All relevant Northern Ireland and Belfast development strategies

**Objectives and activities**

The Charity's objectives ("Objects") are to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of North Belfast (the "area of benefit") without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, or political, religious or other opinion by associating with voluntary and community organisations, statutory agencies, the private sector and inhabitants in a common cause to:-

- a) Advance community development by providing facilities and amenities for, and promoting co-operation and joint activities between, community, voluntary and sports organisations.
- b) Provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupations with the object of improving the conditions of life for those living in the area of benefit.
- c) Advance education and training for the public benefit by organising classes and other forms of tuition.

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- d) Promote peace building, conflict transformation and capacity building for the public benefit and build and maintain social cohesion and trust within and between communities by :
  - 1. Devising and delivering transformation and capacity building training programmes;
  - 2. Raising awareness, mutual understanding and respect:
  - 3. Promoting and supporting projects and initiatives that help to achieve these aims.
  
- e) Promote and support social enterprise and other sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration.

**Achievement and Performance**

Castle Community Trust General

Castle Community Trust, although situated in the middle area of lower North Belfast considers welcome all residents and small distinct districts to avail of our services, projects and programmes we provide. The centre has an open door policy to all groups and organisations within the community sector and beyond. Our goals are plain and simple and these can be identified within our Strategic Plan; but basically our goal is to support the community as per the needs and identified issues and concerns from the people. We have numerous groups and sub-groups, too many to mention, but they include, local band, Old Comrades group, The British Legion and women's etc

We also engage with and are members of various statutory and community initiatives including: North Belfast Social Services, Playboard, Early Years, NIHE, PSNI, Belfast city council, Belfast Bonfire initiative.

The Castle Community Trust supports a wide range of local community groups. We have offered support to 30 groups over the last 2 years. We have also supported 10 groups to set up. We offer a capacity building programme that covers, governance best practice, roles and responsibility of board and officers, identifying resources and funding for community groups.

We also offer 15 OCN courses, such as Community Development, Human Rights and Justice, and Shared Culture and History. Castle Community Trust through serving as an umbrella organisation supports groups to come together. This enables us to organise effective networking opportunities, such as regular meetings around various issues affecting residents, such as housing and education, Poverty and deprivation, regeneration and education.

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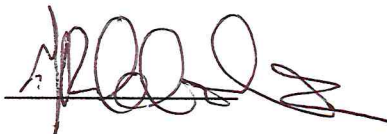
Castle Community Trust as an established organisation, serves as a representative for the North Belfast area, to engage with the Department of Communities, Department of Justice, and Belfast City Council, to secure funding and resources to support a better quality of life for our residents. To deal with the long list we have developed a new operations team that can best tackle them. Overseen by the Operational Manager. This team is responsible for engaging and supporting the Community of North Belfast. This team includes, Community Development and Housing Officer, Community Engagement Capacity Building Officer, Admin and Finance officer, and the Family and Childcare Assistant Manager. This work is a direct result of Henry Smith funding and is in its infancy. The Flex Fund would support the growth of this project.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

**Independent Examiner**

Hopper & Co., have indicated their willingness to remain in office and a resolution for their re-election will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The trustee's annual report was approved on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr J Clarke', written over a horizontal line.

Mr J Clarke  
Trustee

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CASTLE COMMUNITY TRUST**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

I report on the financial statements of Castle Community Trust ('the charity') for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the '2008 Act') and the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act'). You are satisfied that the accounts of the company are not required by charity or company law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements as carried out under section 65 of the 2008 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the 2008 Act

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) Accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- (2) The financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- (3) The financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- (4) The financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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S Hopper FCA  
Partner  
Hopper & Co  
5<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2		148,075	148,075	132,140
Charitable activities	3		140,031	140,031	170,334
Investment Income	4	-	-	-	-
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<b>Total Income</b>			288,106	288,106	302,474
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<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	5		242,215	242,215	359,804
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<b>Total Expenditure</b>			242,215	242,215	359,804
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<b>Net Income</b>			45,891	45,891	(57,330)
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Funds brought forward			68,113	68,113	125,443
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Funds carried forward	12	-	114,004	114,004	68,113
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All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	10	768	424
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<u>768</u>	<u>424</u>
 <b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents		118,302	72,641
<b>Total current assets</b>		<u>118,302</u>	<u>72,641</u>
 <b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	11	5,066	4,952
<b>Total Creditors</b>		<u>5,066</u>	<u>4,952</u>
 <b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>113,236</u>	<u>67,689</u>
 <b>Total Net Assets</b>		<u><u>114,004</u></u>	<u><u>68,113</u></u>
 <b>Funds of the charity</b>			
Restricted funds	12	114,004	68,113
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<u><u>114,004</u></u>	<u><u>68,113</u></u>

For the year ending 31 March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr Clarke

Trustee & Director

Company Registration Number NI629691

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**General information**

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. as defined by FRS 102. The address of the principal office is Yrcd Hall, 30 St Aubyn Street, Belfast, BT15 3QF.

**Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the financial statements and applicable accounting standards, Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 Section 1A), the charity's governing document, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2013 , The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity rounded to the nearest £1.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. The trustees consider that these policies are suitable, have been consistently applied and are supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates.

**FUND ACCOUNTING**

The charity has various types of funds for which it is responsible, and which require separate disclosure. A definition of the various types of funds is as follows:

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific charitable activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

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Unrestricted funds are funds which are expendable at the discretion of the Charity in furtherance of its objectives. In addition to expenditure on activities such funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital.

Designated funds are general funds set aside by the trustees for use in the future.

**INCOMING RESOURCES**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably, and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained, then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity, and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Voluntary income received by way of donations and gift is credited to revenue on a receivable basis.

The charity receives grants in respect of support services. Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

If entitlement is not met, then these amounts are deferred. Revenue grants are credited to incoming resources on the earlier date of when they are received or when they are receivable unless they relate to a specified future period.

Other income represents income that cannot be reported under the other analysis headings provided within the SoFA.

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**EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Expenditure on charitable activities comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries and includes salary costs, support service expenses, and an apportionment of support costs;
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

**(i) Liability recognition**

Liabilities are recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

**(ii) Governance costs**

These are shown within charitable activities and include the costs of preparation and examination of accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

**(iii) Grants with performance conditions**

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

**(iv) Grants payable without performance conditions**

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

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**(v) Support costs**

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs and administrative payroll costs.

They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises overheads have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources. Staff costs and other overheads have been allocated based on time spent, per capita and activity.

**Employee benefits**

When employees have rendered service to the charity, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

**Value Added Tax**

The charity is not registered for VAT purposes, therefore expenditure is shown gross of VAT.

**(i) Tangible Fixed Assets**

The cost of tangible fixed assets is their purchase cost, together with any incidental costs of acquisition. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual values, on a straight-line basis over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned. The principal annual rates used are as follows:

Fixtures and Equipment	15% Reducing balance
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In accordance with FRS102, assets under construction are not depreciated until such times as they are available for use.

Where the recoverable amount of a fixed asset is found to be below its net book value, the asset is written down to the recoverable figure and the loss on impairment is recognised in the SoFA.

**(ii) Investments**

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

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**Leases**

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

**Tax**

The charity benefits from various exemptions afforded by tax legislation. It is therefore not liable to corporation tax on income or gains falling due within those exemptions. Recovery is made of tax deducted from receipts under gift aid.

**Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

**Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The following judgements including those involving estimates have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies that have had the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements and that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year:

- depreciation method and asset useful lives

The estimates and assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis considering the current and future market conditions.

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**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Grants</b>				
Grants Receivable		146,725	146,725	132,140
<b>Donations</b>		1,350	1,350	-
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	-	148,075	148,075	132,140
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**3. Charitable activities**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
Programme Income/training		17,008	17,008	10,126
Childcare Fees		53,394	53,394	38,906
Income from Contractors		68,155	68,155	121,302
Facilitation income		1,474	1,474	-
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	-	140,031	140,031	170,334
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**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
Bank Interest Receivable	-	-	-	-
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**5. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY ACTIIVITY TYPE**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
Main Activity	-	230,911	230,911	349,373
Governance costs	-	11,304	11,304	10,431
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	-	242,215	242,215	359,804
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**6. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
Wages & Salaries	-	117,750	117,750	126,547
Rent	-	1,450	1,450	1,450
Insurance	-	1,921	1,921	1,809
Programme costs	-	8,888	8,888	7,257
Subcontractors costs	-	57,336	57,336	119,598
Project Expenses	-	43,566	43,566	92,712
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	-	230,911	230,911	349,373
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**7. INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION FEES**

	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£
Fees payable to independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	960	960
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**8. STAFF COSTS**

The average head count of employee during the year was 7 (2023: 7)

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil)

**9. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

The Trustees received no remuneration from the charity during the current or preceding financial years.

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONT'D)**

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**10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<b>Equipment</b>
<b>Cost</b>	<b>£</b>
At beginning of the year	499
Additions	480
Disposals	-
At end of the year	<u>979</u>
 <b>Depreciation</b>	
At beginning of the year	75
Depreciation	136
Disposals	-
At end of the year	<u>211</u>
 Net book value at beginning of the year	 <u>424</u>
Net book value at end of the year	<u>768</u>

**11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
Accruals & Deferred income	£ 5,066	£ 4,952
	<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>

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**31 MARCH 2024**

**12. Pensions and other post retirement benefits**

Defined contribution Plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £2,114 (2023:(1,750)).

**13. FUND BALANCES**

<b>Funds 2024</b>	<b>Balance at start</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditu re</b>	<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Balance at end</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Restricted funds</b>	68,113	288,106	(242,215)	45,891	-	114,004
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<b>Funds 2023</b>	<b>Balance at start</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditu re</b>	<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Balance at end</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	125,443	302,474	(359,804)	(57,330)	-	68,113
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**31 MARCH 2024**

**14. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
	£	£
Fixed Assets	768	16,789
Net Current Assets	113,236	72,086
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	114,004	114,004
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	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£
Fixed Assets	424	424
Net Current Assets	67,689	67,689
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	68,113	68,113
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**Castle Community Trust**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108042

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# Annual report

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**CASTLE COMMUNITY TRUST**  
**COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**  
**TRUSTEES REPORT**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**Charity Reference and Administrative Details**

Registered charity name                      Castle Community Trust

Charity registration number                  NIC108042

Company registration number                NI629691

Principal office                                Castle Community Trust  
Yrcd Hall  
30 St Aubyn Street  
Belfast  
BT15 3QF

The trustees

Miss K L Donaghy (Resigned 3 June 2024)  
Mr M Hamilton  
Miss E Mccalister  
Miss S Davidson  
Ms L Kaunhoven  
Mr J Laughlin  
Mr F Hoy  
Mr J Clarke  
Ms E Taggart  
Mr G Graham

Independent examiner

Simon Hopper F.C.A.  
Hopper & Co  
6 Doagh Road  
Ballyclare  
BT39 9BG

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**Structure, Governance and Management.**

- . Castle Community Trust board meet once a month on the first Monday.
- . A Formal meeting is conducted following proper process
- . The Chairperson receives reports from the manager, the treasurer and any Correspondence
- . The manager gives the board his report then leaves meeting
- . Two support ongoing development the officers attend internal meetings with The manager and the staff.
- . The manager holds monthly team meetings with the staff and directs operations Based on the strategic plane and operation plan.

The Board has the overall lead on all policies but we have two specific leads from the board. Jim Clark the Castle Community Trust Chairperson has taken on the role of lead safeguarding he has completed his designated officer training and is the Board Child Protection Officer. All child protection concerns that are made with the Trust will go through the board Child Protection Officer Jim Clark has 30 years' experience in childcare and is our safeguard designated officer on the board. Linda Kaunhoven is the treasurer with 40 years' experience in finance and policy. Linda completed the task of up-dating our safeguarding policy and is responsible for organising the up-dates and review dates of the policy. Stacey Clifford is the safeguard designated officer in our affordable Childcare and is the assistant manager with 7 years' experience and has a Level 5 in Childcare management. Colleen Crothers is the childcare and operations manager and is the overall designated officer for the organisation. All above are registered with the Belfast Trust. All board members, Staff and volunteers are Access NI vetted and the childcare staff are checked every year by Early Years BHSC on annual inspection.

Castle Community Trust delivers transformational initiatives to alleviate:

- . Educational under achievement
- . Social isolation within the elderly and those who are house bound
- . Poverty and deprivation
- . Unemployment and lack of skills development
- . Housing and housing rights
- . Youth intervention
- . Support for veterans
- . Public use of our centre
- . Festivals and specific events

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- . Support for our 15 sub-groups
- . Childcare
- . Parent and toddlers and family support
- . Rights and welfare rights advise
- . Capacity building for individuals and groups
- . Engage with all agencies that can benefit our community

The charity continues to support the residents of north Belfast and provide positive opportunities for them. The organisation continues to consult with the community to identify needs and possible programmes and projects to alleviate them. We stay focused on continuous relationship building with residents and all agencies to best support all our targeted beneficiaries. The organisation continues to grow and will strive for sustainability through economic development through our social enterprises.

**Mariners After-School Childcare**

Currently our social enterprise Mariners affordable afterschool care is staffed by a loyal staff team consisting of a childcare manager and Deputy Manager, Supervisor and one additional staff and volunteers and has 24 children on the register. Castle community trust are very keen to support Mariners ASC and understand that some hard times are ahead and are very proud of the staff and all their hard worker through Covid-19 and how they have managed to keep Mariners a float and still making enough monies to support salaries etc.

**The Re-Brand**

Castle Community Trust (formally the HUBB) is a centrally based third sector organisation delivering a range of community focused services within the local community throughout in lower North Belfast. It was formed in 2008 with the support of EU PEACE 111 funding to encourage partnership working, foster positive community relations and develop community capacity. The vision of Castle Community Trust is as follows: “A confident community where people aspire to and achieve physical, social and economic regeneration”. This will be achieved with the underlying values of social justice, equality, and inclusion – values which are the cornerstone values of community development.

The rebrand is based on the growth and development of the HUBB. The name Castle Community Trust relates to Belfast City Council Castle ward in which the HUBB and surrounding community is situated in. Central to our strategic development is to build new and vibrant relationships with the public, private and

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community sectors. We believe this will support our strategic plan, our objectives and therefore support the community of lower North Belfast.

Build positive relationships and strategic partnerships locally with:

- . The Local community sector
- . Voluntary organisations
- . Youth organisations and providers
- . Veterans, cadet and serving services
- . Loyal orders
- . Local marching bands
- . Sports clubs
- . Faith based groups
- . Local churches
- . Local businesses small-medium-large
- . Statutory bodies
- . All communities in North Belfast
- . Local schools
- . All relevant Northern Ireland and Belfast development strategies

**Objectives and activities**

The Charity's objectives ("Objects") are to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of North Belfast (the "area of benefit") without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, or political, religious or other opinion by associating with voluntary and community organisations, statutory agencies, the private sector and inhabitants in a common cause to:-

- a) Advance community development by providing facilities and amenities for, and promoting co-operation and joint activities between, community, voluntary and sports organisations.
- b) Provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupations with the object of improving the conditions of life for those living in the area of benefit.
- c) Advance education and training for the public benefit by organising classes and other forms of tuition.

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- d) Promote peace building, conflict transformation and capacity building for the public benefit and build and maintain social cohesion and trust within and between communities by :
  - 1. Devising and delivering transformation and capacity building training programmes;
  - 2. Raising awareness, mutual understanding and respect:
  - 3. Promoting and supporting projects and initiatives that help to achieve these aims.
  
- e) Promote and support social enterprise and other sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration.

**Achievement and Performance**

Castle Community Trust General

Castle Community Trust, although situated in the middle area of lower North Belfast considers welcome all residents and small distinct districts to avail of our services, projects and programmes we provide. The centre has an open door policy to all groups and organisations within the community sector and beyond. Our goals are plain and simple and these can be identified within our Strategic Plan; but basically our goal is to support the community as per the needs and identified issues and concerns from the people. We have numerous groups and sub-groups, too many to mention, but they include, local band, Old Comrades group, The British Legion and women's etc

We also engage with and are members of various statutory and community initiatives including: North Belfast Social Services, Playboard, Early Years, NIHE, PSNI, Belfast city council, Belfast Bonfire initiative.

The Castle Community Trust supports a wide range of local community groups. We have offered support to 30 groups over the last 2 years. We have also supported 10 groups to set up. We offer a capacity building programme that covers, governance best practice, roles and responsibility of board and officers, identifying resources and funding for community groups.

We also offer 15 OCN courses, such as Community Development, Human Rights and Justice, and Shared Culture and History. Castle Community Trust through serving as an umbrella organisation supports groups to come together. This enables us to organise effective networking opportunities, such as regular meetings around various issues affecting residents, such as housing and education, Poverty and deprivation, regeneration and education.

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**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

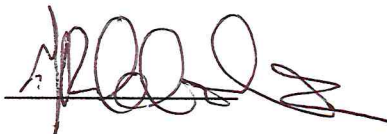
Castle Community Trust as an established organisation, serves as a representative for the North Belfast area, to engage with the Department of Communities, Department of Justice, and Belfast City Council, to secure funding and resources to support a better quality of life for our residents. To deal with the long list we have developed a new operations team that can best tackle them. Overseen by the Operational Manager. This team is responsible for engaging and supporting the Community of North Belfast. This team includes, Community Development and Housing Officer, Community Engagement Capacity Building Officer, Admin and Finance officer, and the Family and Childcare Assistant Manager. This work is a direct result of Henry Smith funding and is in its infancy. The Flex Fund would support the growth of this project.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

**Independent Examiner**

Hopper & Co., have indicated their willingness to remain in office and a resolution for their re-election will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The trustee's annual report was approved on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr J Clarke', written over a horizontal line.

Mr J Clarke  
Trustee

**Castle Community Trust**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108042

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# Annual return

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**CASTLE COMMUNITY TRUST**  
**COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CASTLE COMMUNITY TRUST**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

I report on the financial statements of Castle Community Trust ('the charity') for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the '2008 Act') and the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act'). You are satisfied that the accounts of the company are not required by charity or company law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements as carried out under section 65 of the 2008 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the 2008 Act

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) Accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- (2) The financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- (3) The financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- (4) The financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

**CASTLE COMMUNITY TRUST**

**COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CASTLE COMMUNITY TRUST**

**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 24**

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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S Hopper FCA  
Partner  
Hopper & Co  
5<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**Castle Community Trust**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108042

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# Accounts

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COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NI629691

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 108042

**Hubb Community Development Resource Centre  
Company Limited by Guarantee  
Unaudited Financial Statements  
31 March 2023**

**HOPPER & CO**

Chartered accountants  
25 High Street  
Carrickfergus  
Co Antrim  
BT38 7AN

# Hubb Community Development Resource Centre

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## Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2023

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**Hubb Community Development Resource Centre**  
**Company Limited by Guarantee**  
**Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)**  
**Year ended 31 March 2023**

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The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**Reference and administrative details**

<b>Registered charity name</b>	Hubb Community Development Resource Centre
<b>Charity registration number</b>	108042
<b>Company registration number</b>	NI629691
<b>Principal office and registered office</b>	Yrcd Hall 30 St Aubyn Street Belfast BT15 3QF

**The trustees**

Miss K L Donaghy	
Mr M Hamilton	
Miss E Mccalister	
Miss S Davidson	
Ms L Kaunhoven	(Appointed 18 April 2022)
Mr J Laughlin	(Appointed 18 April 2022)
Mr F Hoy	
Mr J Clarke	(Appointed 18 April 2022)
Ms E Taggart	
Mr G Graham	

<b>Independent examiner</b>	Simon Hopper F.C.A. 25 High Street Carrickfergus Co Antrim BT38 7AN
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**Structure, governance and management**

report

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# Hubb Community Development Resource Centre

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### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

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# Hubb Community Development Resource Centre

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### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

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#### Achievements and performance

##### The HUBB General

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We also engage with and are members of various statutory and community initiatives including: North Belfast Social Services Hubb, Playboard, Early Years, NIHE, PSNI, Belfast city council, Belfast Bonfire initiative.

See below examples of some of our Groups and Projects

##### York Road Civil Defence Bowling Club ("The Yorkies")

It has been a very busy year for the bowling club and its members. Finishing 7th in the City of Belfast Indoor Bowling League and achieving a semi-final place in the League Cup. York Road Civil Defence also hosted the Final of the League Cup, which was played by Salisbury v Sydenham with Salisbury securing the victory. Next year will be another busy year as we have been selected to hold the Irish Indoor Bowling association Bowling 4s Competition.

##### Youth

The youth intervention and development programme continues to grow and promote a youth friendly service for 5-17 year olds. Over the last 18 months we have provided weekly Youth Clubs to support youth development and provide a safe and secure place for young people to meet and engage in projects and be-spoke programmes. We have also provided our usual family and young people friendly festivals and intervention based activities including Easter, Summer Scheme, Summer Intervention, Halloween and Christmas. To promote best practice, we ensure that all of our staff and volunteers comply with youth practice principles and all have youth training, are access NI checked and are governed by child protection policies and procedures.

##### Mother and toddlers

The Mother and Toddler Group continue to meet on Wednesday mornings and we have supported young parents in the area, enabling them to get out of the house and come together to share their experiences and issues with each other. The project is based and driven by young mums who decided the format of the project. Over this period, they have engaged in trips, participated in the Summer Scheme and various training and development opportunities in the centre.

# Hubb Community Development Resource Centre

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

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#### **Achievements and performance** *(continued)*

##### Blue Blossoms

The Blue Blossoms have been meeting on Saturday mornings for over three years. During this time, the group have become an important part of the HUBB in so many ways. The group is self-sufficient as they organise and decide their own activities and projects. They give much needed support to families and children with special needs and have grown numerically over the years and are known as "a model of family support and development" in their field of working with children with special needs.

##### Old-Comrades

The Old-Comrades have had a busy and very the group has grown to 14 and have achieved many projects including work on the memorial garden, a new commemoration day held on 11th November at 11.00AM. They have also completed a course in shared history and culture.

##### Community Foundation Northern Ireland Social Justice Programme

CFNI completed a project in Newtownabbey with various Groups including completion of OCN courses. Approximately 35 people participated in the project. The project supported two existing Groups and supported the development of a new Group. We then encouraged each of the Groups to form a consortium which was named "Newtownabbey Capacity Building Consortium". While working in partnership with and creating capacity and leadership within the consortium, The HUBB supported an application to CFNI, International fund for Ireland and the consortium received almost £100,000.00 to support a community based capacity building Project.

##### Dockside festival

Dockside festival attracted nearly 5000 local residents over a week in July. There was youth intervention work, history and culture events, live music, family funday, food and entertainment. The total cost of the festival was £44.000 granted by Belfast City Council.

##### Social Justice

The HUBB staff, volunteers and residents have been connecting to the concept of social justice, civil rights and social value. These socially driven terms come under the broad term of social action delivered from a "bottom up" approach to a rights based civil society that empowers people and communities to engage in decision making, lobbying skills, capacity building and the confidence to challenge statutory bodies etc. The history of Social Justice goes back to pre-history when people challenged those who had power and rule. The PUL community have not engaged in these types of social change mechanisms for many reasons; but at The HUBB we believe that we are not engaged in rights based initiatives that affect our community. In an attempt to try to alleviate this and create an awareness of social just and civil rights, we have formed The Lower North Belfast Social Justice Forum. The main objectives of the Forum are based on the fundamental principles of the UN declaration on human rights, The Equality Commission and the UK Civil Rights Legislation.

# Hubb Community Development Resource Centre

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

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#### **Achievements and performance** *(continued)*

##### Mariners After-School Childcare

Mariners continues to grow and has now began to make a profit. When we started we had two staff and five children. We now have 4 staff and two-part time volunteers. We are heading towards capacity levels with the amount of children we can take in and this is around 24 children per day at present.

##### Culture and Historical

At the HUBB we have always supported the development and awareness of our culture and heritage. Our British identity and our unique culture should be both celebrated and promoted. Over the years we have supported all the bands in the district by way of funding and engaging them to take part in our festivals and projects. We have also engaged with the local Orange Order and are currently forming an Orange Men's Group. We have engaged directly with other communities in awareness type projects to expel myths and stereotypes and to promote our culture in a true and open basis.

#### **Financial review**

The Statement of Financial Activities shows total income of £302,474 and total expenditure of £359,729. Net expenditure for the year was £57,330. (2022 - Net income ££23,889).

Retained reserves at the year end amounted to £68,113. (2022 - £125,443).

#### **Small company provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 8 November 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr J Clarke  
Trustee

# Hubb Community Development Resource Centre

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Hubb Community Development Resource Centre

Year ended 31 March 2023

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I report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023, which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position and the related notes.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

# Hubb Community Development Resource Centre

Company Limited by Guarantee

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Hubb Community Development Resource Centre *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

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### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Simon Hopper F.C.A.  
Independent Examiner

25 High Street  
Carrickfergus  
Co Antrim  
BT38 7AN

8 November 2023

# Hubb Community Development Resource Centre

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 March 2023

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		2023		2022
	Note	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
<b>Income and endowments</b>				
Donations and legacies	5	132,140	132,140	182,727
Charitable activities	6	170,334	170,334	268,658
Investment income	7	–	–	56
<b>Total income</b>		<u>302,474</u>	<u>302,474</u>	<u>451,441</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9	<u>359,804</u>	<u>359,804</u>	<u>427,552</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>359,804</u>	<u>359,804</u>	<u>427,552</u>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income and net movement in funds</b>		<u>(57,330)</u>	<u>(57,330)</u>	<u>23,889</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward		125,443	125,443	101,554
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>68,113</u>	<u>68,113</u>	<u>125,443</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

# Hubb Community Development Resource Centre

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2023

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	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	15	424	–
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		72,641	130,395
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	16	4,952	4,952
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>67,689</u>	<u>125,443</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>68,113</u>	<u>125,443</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>68,113</u>	<u>125,443</u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>			
Restricted funds		68,113	125,443
<b>Total charity funds</b>	18	<u>68,113</u>	<u>125,443</u>

For the year ending 31 March 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 8 November 2023, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr J Clarke  
Trustee

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The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

# Hubb Community Development Resource Centre

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2023

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#### 1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is Yrcd Hall, 30 St Aubyn Street, Belfast, BT15 3QF.

#### 2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

#### 3. Accounting policies

##### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

##### Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

##### Disclosure exemptions

In accordance with the exemptions allowed in Financial Reporting Standard 102 section 1A, the Trustees have not presented a cash flow statement.

##### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

# Hubb Community Development Resource Centre

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

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#### 3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

##### Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

##### Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

##### Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

# Hubb Community Development Resource Centre

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### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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#### 3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

##### Tangible assets *(continued)*

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

##### Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment - 15% reducing balance

##### Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

##### Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

# Hubb Community Development Resource Centre

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

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#### 3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

##### Financial instruments *(continued)*

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

##### Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

#### 4. Limited by guarantee

Hubb Community Development Resource Centre is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

# Hubb Community Development Resource Centre

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 March 2023

#### 5. Donations and legacies

	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>Grants</b>				
Grants receivable	132,140	132,140	158,348	158,348
Furlough - Covid Grant	—	—	24,379	24,379
	<u>132,140</u>	<u>132,140</u>	<u>182,727</u>	<u>182,727</u>

#### 6. Charitable activities

	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Programme Income/Training	10,126	10,126	22,998	22,998
Childcare Fees	38,906	38,906	31,085	31,085
Income from Contractors	121,302	121,302	214,575	214,575
	<u>170,334</u>	<u>170,334</u>	<u>268,658</u>	<u>268,658</u>

#### 7. Investment income

	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Bank interest receivable	—	—	56	56
	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>56</u>

#### 8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Support costs	359,804	359,804	427,552	427,552

#### 9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Support costs £	Total funds 2023 £	Total fund 2022 £
Charitable Activity	349,373	349,373	413,191
Governance costs	10,431	10,431	14,361
	<u>359,804</u>	<u>359,804</u>	<u>427,552</u>

# Hubb Community Development Resource Centre

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

#### 10. Analysis of support costs

	Analysis of support costs £	<b>Total 2023</b> £	Total 2022 £
Wages & Salaries	126,547	126,547	125,506
Rent	1,450	1,450	1,450
Insurance	1,809	1,809	1,574
Programme Costs	7,257	7,257	8,659
Subcontractors costs	119,599	119,599	186,281
Project Expenses	92,712	92,712	89,721
	<u>349,374</u>	<u>349,374</u>	<u>413,191</u>

#### 11. Net (expenditure)/income

Net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	<b>2023</b> £	2022 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>75</u>	<u>–</u>

#### 12. Independent examination fees

	<b>2023</b> £	2022 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>960</u>	<u>750</u>

#### 13. Staff costs

The average head count of employees during the year was 7 (2022: 7). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	<b>2023</b> No.	2022 No.
Number of staff	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: Nil).

#### 14. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration was paid to any Trustees during the year. One Trustee received £2,600 out of pocket expenses in her role as a volunteer working in Childcare.

# Hubb Community Development Resource Centre

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 March 2023

#### 15. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 April 2022	–
Additions	499
<b>At 31 March 2023</b>	<u>499</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1 April 2022	–
Charge for the year	75
<b>At 31 March 2023</b>	<u>75</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
<b>At 31 March 2023</b>	<u>424</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>–</u>

#### 16. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>4,952</u>	<u>4,952</u>

#### 17. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

##### Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £1,750 (2022: £1,661).

#### 18. Analysis of charitable funds

##### Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2023 £
Hubb	<u>125,443</u>	<u>302,474</u>	<u>(359,804)</u>	<u>68,113</u>

	At 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2022 £
Hubb	<u>101,554</u>	<u>451,441</u>	<u>(427,552)</u>	<u>125,443</u>

# Hubb Community Development Resource Centre

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

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#### 19. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	424	424
Current assets	72,641	72,641
Creditors less than 1 year	(4,952)	(4,952)
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>68,113</u>	<u>68,113</u>

	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	–	–
Current assets	130,395	130,395
Creditors less than 1 year	(4,952)	(4,952)
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>125,443</u>	<u>125,443</u>

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**Castle Community Trust**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108042

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# Annual report

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COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NI629691

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 108042

**Hubb Community Development Resource Centre  
Company Limited by Guarantee  
Unaudited Financial Statements  
31 March 2023**

**HOPPER & CO**

Chartered accountants  
25 High Street  
Carrickfergus  
Co Antrim  
BT38 7AN

# Hubb Community Development Resource Centre

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**Hubb Community Development Resource Centre**  
**Company Limited by Guarantee**  
**Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)**  
**Year ended 31 March 2023**

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The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**Reference and administrative details**

<b>Registered charity name</b>	Hubb Community Development Resource Centre
<b>Charity registration number</b>	108042
<b>Company registration number</b>	NI629691
<b>Principal office and registered office</b>	Yrcd Hall 30 St Aubyn Street Belfast BT15 3QF

**The trustees**

Miss K L Donaghy	
Mr M Hamilton	
Miss E Mccalister	
Miss S Davidson	
Ms L Kaunhoven	(Appointed 18 April 2022)
Mr J Laughlin	(Appointed 18 April 2022)
Mr F Hoy	
Mr J Clarke	(Appointed 18 April 2022)
Ms E Taggart	
Mr G Graham	

<b>Independent examiner</b>	Simon Hopper F.C.A. 25 High Street Carrickfergus Co Antrim BT38 7AN
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**Structure, governance and management**

report

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" The HUBB board meet once a month on the first Monday.

" A formal meeting is conducted following proper process

" The Chair receives reports from the manager, the treasurer and any correspondence" The manager gives the board his report then leaves meeting

" Two support ongoing development the officers attend internal meetings with the manager and the staff. " The manger holds monthly team meetings with the staff and directs operations based on the strategic plane and operation plan.

# Hubb Community Development Resource Centre

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

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#### Objectives and activities

The Charity's objects ("Objects") are to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of North Belfast (the "area of benefit") without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, or political, religious or other opinion by associating with voluntary and community organisations, statutory agencies and inhabitants in a common effort to:-

- (a) Advance community development by providing facilities and amenities for, and promoting co-operation and joint activities between, community, voluntary and sports organisations.
- (b) Provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupations with the object of improving the conditions of life for those living in the area of benefit.
- (c) Advance education and training for the public benefit by organising classes and other forms of tuition.
- (d) Promote peace building, conflict transformation and capacity building for the public benefit and build and maintain social cohesion and trust within and between communities by:
  - (i) devising and delivering transformation and capacity building training programmes;
  - (ii) raising awareness, mutual understanding and respect;
  - iii) promoting and supporting projects and initiatives that help to achieve these aims.
- (e) Promote and support social enterprise and other sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration.

# Hubb Community Development Resource Centre

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

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#### Achievements and performance

##### The HUBB General

The HUBB, although situated in the middle area of lower North Belfast considers welcome all residents and small distinct districts to avail of our services, projects and programmes we provide. The centre has an open door policy to all groups and organisations within the community sector and beyond. Our goals are plain and simple and these can be identified within our Strategic Plan; but basically our goal is to support the community as per the needs and identified issues and concerns from the people. We have numerous groups and sub-groups, too many to mention, but they include, local band, the Orange Order, The British Legion, bonfire groups etc.

We also engage with and are members of various statutory and community initiatives including: North Belfast Social Services Hubb, Playboard, Early Years, NIHE, PSNI, Belfast city council, Belfast Bonfire initiative.

See below examples of some of our Groups and Projects

##### York Road Civil Defence Bowling Club ("The Yorkies")

It has been a very busy year for the bowling club and its members. Finishing 7th in the City of Belfast Indoor Bowling League and achieving a semi-final place in the League Cup. York Road Civil Defence also hosted the Final of the League Cup, which was played by Salisbury v Sydenham with Salisbury securing the victory. Next year will be another busy year as we have been selected to hold the Irish Indoor Bowling association Bowling 4s Competition.

##### Youth

The youth intervention and development programme continues to grow and promote a youth friendly service for 5-17 year olds. Over the last 18 months we have provided weekly Youth Clubs to support youth development and provide a safe and secure place for young people to meet and engage in projects and be-spoke programmes. We have also provided our usual family and young people friendly festivals and intervention based activities including Easter, Summer Scheme, Summer Intervention, Halloween and Christmas. To promote best practice, we ensure that all of our staff and volunteers comply with youth practice principles and all have youth training, are access NI checked and are governed by child protection policies and procedures.

##### Mother and toddlers

The Mother and Toddler Group continue to meet on Wednesday mornings and we have supported young parents in the area, enabling them to get out of the house and come together to share their experiences and issues with each other. The project is based and driven by young mums who decided the format of the project. Over this period, they have engaged in trips, participated in the Summer Scheme and various training and development opportunities in the centre.

# Hubb Community Development Resource Centre

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

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#### **Achievements and performance** *(continued)*

##### Blue Blossoms

The Blue Blossoms have been meeting on Saturday mornings for over three years. During this time, the group have become an important part of the HUBB in so many ways. The group is self-sufficient as they organise and decide their own activities and projects. They give much needed support to families and children with special needs and have grown numerically over the years and are known as "a model of family support and development" in their field of working with children with special needs.

##### Old-Comrades

The Old-Comrades have had a busy and very the group has grown to 14 and have achieved many projects including work on the memorial garden, a new commemoration day held on 11th November at 11.00AM. They have also completed a course in shared history and culture.

##### Community Foundation Northern Ireland Social Justice Programme

CFNI completed a project in Newtownabbey with various Groups including completion of OCN courses. Approximately 35 people participated in the project. The project supported two existing Groups and supported the development of a new Group. We then encouraged each of the Groups to form a consortium which was named "Newtownabbey Capacity Building Consortium". While working in partnership with and creating capacity and leadership within the consortium, The HUBB supported an application to CFNI, International fund for Ireland and the consortium received almost £100,000.00 to support a community based capacity building Project.

##### Dockside festival

Dockside festival attracted nearly 5000 local residents over a week in July. There was youth intervention work, history and culture events, live music, family funday, food and entertainment. The total cost of the festival was £44.000 granted by Belfast City Council.

##### Social Justice

The HUBB staff, volunteers and residents have been connecting to the concept of social justice, civil rights and social value. These socially driven terms come under the broad term of social action delivered from a "bottom up" approach to a rights based civil society that empowers people and communities to engage in decision making, lobbying skills, capacity building and the confidence to challenge statutory bodies etc. The history of Social Justice goes back to pre-history when people challenged those who had power and rule. The PUL community have not engaged in these types of social change mechanisms for many reasons; but at The HUBB we believe that we are not engaged in rights based initiatives that affect our community. In an attempt to try to alleviate this and create an awareness of social just and civil rights, we have formed The Lower North Belfast Social Justice Forum. The main objectives of the Forum are based on the fundamental principles of the UN declaration on human rights, The Equality Commission and the UK Civil Rights Legislation.

# Hubb Community Development Resource Centre

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

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#### **Achievements and performance** *(continued)*

##### Mariners After-School Childcare

Mariners continues to grow and has now began to make a profit. When we started we had two staff and five children. We now have 4 staff and two-part time volunteers. We are heading towards capacity levels with the amount of children we can take in and this is around 24 children per day at present.

##### Culture and Historical

At the HUBB we have always supported the development and awareness of our culture and heritage. Our British identity and our unique culture should be both celebrated and promoted. Over the years we have supported all the bands in the district by way of funding and engaging them to take part in our festivals and projects. We have also engaged with the local Orange Order and are currently forming an Orange Men's Group. We have engaged directly with other communities in awareness type projects to expel myths and stereotypes and to promote our culture in a true and open basis.

#### **Financial review**

The Statement of Financial Activities shows total income of £302,474 and total expenditure of £359,729. Net expenditure for the year was £57,330. (2022 - Net income ££23,889).

Retained reserves at the year end amounted to £68,113. (2022 - £125,443).

#### **Small company provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 8 November 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr J Clarke  
Trustee

**Castle Community Trust**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108042

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# Annual return

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# Hubb Community Development Resource Centre

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Hubb Community Development Resource Centre

Year ended 31 March 2023

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I report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023, which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position and the related notes.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

# Hubb Community Development Resource Centre

Company Limited by Guarantee

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Hubb Community Development Resource Centre *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

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### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Simon Hopper F.C.A.  
Independent Examiner

25 High Street  
Carrickfergus  
Co Antrim  
BT38 7AN

8 November 2023